You and your friends are cordially invited to attend the

Joint Installation of Officers

DARIUS-GIRENAS POST NO. 271
and the
AUXILIARY UNIT
The American Legion

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1949
at 8:00 P.M.

REFRESHMENTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Darius-Girenas Memorial Building
4416-20 SOUTH WESTERN AVENUE
CHICAGO 9, ILLINOIS

SCHOOL AWARDS

The Darius-Girenas Post No. 271, The American Legion, presented medals and certificates to outstanding boy and girl graduates in the elementary schools of this and neighboring communities. These awards were made in recognition of those high qualities of Honor, Courage, Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Companionship, and Character, which are necessary to the preservation and protection of our Government and the advancement of society.

The Awards were presented to students at the following Schools:

St. Michael's, Holy Cross, Immaculate Conception, All Saints, Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Casimir, St. Anthony, St. George, Providence of God, Gunsaulus and Kelly High School.

The following members participated in the presentations: Commander Frank P. Zelis, Jr. Vice-Commander John L. Paukstis, Adjutant Florian J. Simanonis, Past Commander Joseph Kibort, Americanism Officer Leo Baranauskas and Community Service Officer Dr. Val Siedlinski, under the leadership of Child Welfare Officer Mrs. Loretta Rimkus.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Our Unit had the pleasure to have at our April meeting Mrs. Emma Bleck, 4th District Child Welfare chairman, who gave a very interesting talk on child welfare. She was decorated with a lei of real live flowers brought to our meeting by our long-time-no-see MaryAnn Chase, who flew in from Hawaii to visit her family for three weeks. She also brought one for our president, but the usual accompaniment to a lei—a grass skirt—wasn't there. MaryAnn was a very active member, a darn good secretary to Mrs. Marion Nares during her presidency, up to the time she joined the Waves. It was a pleasure to see her, and we hope she doesn't stay away as long in the future.

We all missed our hard-working secretary Jennie Bagdonas, who was ill. Mrs. Auksutis, who spent quite some time in the oxygen tent at the hospital is at home now, and getting to be a bit better. Jule Paplauskas's mother slipped and fell in her home and sprained her arm quite badly. We all hope each one will be as good as new in no time at all.

Our Community Service chairman is certainly fortunate, having all these grandchildren, and looking like sweet-sixteen herself. Her daughter, Geraldine Daciolas, our member also, presented her with a lovely granddaughter. It was very thoughtful of Geraldine, as we always need Auxiliary members to carry on the work. Sincere congratulations, best wishes to you and the new little love in your life.

Mrs. Gaushas has been traveling around this past month, having been to Washington, D.C., New Jersey and New York. Hope you enjoyed every bit of it.

May is a lovely month, with trees and flowers so fresh and green, so what better month could you choose for your birthday? Happy birthday to the following members: Catherine Poska, Anna Klimas, Stella Juska, Tekla Tamasiunas, Veronica Tamoska, Katherine Laurinaitis, Helen Dapser, Antoinette Kairis, Cecelia Gaconis, Stella Shermulis, Cecelia Gay, Stella Sokas, Antanina Sabaluck, Veronica Wills, Lottie Siedlinski, Margaret Paulauskas, Verne Olis, Pauline Zallys, a great big hug and kiss to my very dear sister-in-law Vonnie Noreik, Agatha Wazlik, Domicela Kaminskas, Veronica Kilkas, Alice Uzemack, Stella VaSalle, Helen Pratt, Mary Zmuda, Nellie Lovick, Janet Kaval. May brings flowers, your birthday too; and may its happiness hold true year after year, in all you do.

Hope Spring has come back from its vacation by the time this Bulletin reaches you, so all you girls can take your time and shop around for your white dress to wear on Memorial Day, which, as usual, will come on Decoration Day. As you know, we must all wear white, and can wear a small white hat, or go hatless. Also particulars will be sent you later, as to what time and which cemetery we shall go to first.

Many thanks to Mr. Stanley Danbar, for donating the wine for our card party.

Please make all effort to be at our meeting on May 17, as Gold-Star chairman Ann Kazin has a very good program planned, and it will be one you should not miss.

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With me full of spirits, Christmas, that is, it's hard to do anything but sing jingle bells. However, the mule-train whip is cracking at me too, so just have to get to work.

Even tho it was early in the month Rehabilitation Chairman Cassie Norusis, co-chairman Mary Martin and Madam President Mary Kareiva, together with past Presidents Marion Nares, Martha Lipski, Stella Karalaitis, Irene Pietkiewicz and Me went to Vaughn Hospital December 7th, and played bingo with 200 hospitalized veterans. We all did all that was possible for the boys to make their evening pleasant, helped them win by fair means and not so fair means, by playing with four or more cards at times just to have some of the unlucky boys win, and can gladly say we did a very good job of it. The boys got T shirts and white sox as prizes, for which they were very grateful. My, how they yelled BINGO, and you'd think those T shirts were worth ten dollars apiece! They were so happy to get them.

When your body is well covered and warm, it is hard to believe that there is anyone who really can't say "I don't have a suit or overcoat." And yet such is the case that Cassie and Mary found on their last trip to Hines. Mary had donated 3 suits and an overcoat, and in the room waiting for his discharge at the hospital was a vet who couldn't go home, it was such a very cold day, and he had no overcoat to wear. He was so happy to get the one we brought down, so if you want to make someone else equally as happy, look around and see if your hubby or brother has one they don't think is good enough anymore. There is always someone who will think it's just what he needs. Our two girls were called "walking drugstores" as they distributed toilet articles to the value of $44.00 to the boys in their wards.

The 115 boys at the Juvenile Detention Home who were treated to movies, ice cream and cookies by Child Welfare Chairman Jule Paplauskas and Madam President Mary C. Kareiva, thought they were better than Santa Claus and enjoyed the treat very much.

The "girls" who decided to start the New Year right by having January for their birthmonth and so have a full year ahead of them: Cassie Norusis, Emily Prelgauskas, Julia Pumputis, Anna Gaushas, Sophie Rudmin, Marie Mason, Agnes Mazeika, Martha Lipski, Marcella Yakaitis, Elizabeth Pocius, Anna Rubas, Stella Wabol, Antanina Shimkus, Julia Domenas, Agnes Azusenis, Bernice Stroden, Beatrice Krickhahn, Emily Kass, Bernice Udvett, Anna Lenkart, Petronela Preidis, Helen Kavalauskas, Anna Simanomis, Emily Petraitis, Anna Filiponis. Happy Birthday to you all, and may your year be filled with 3 H's, Health, Happiness and Hope.

Hope no one is ill, and that if you are, you will be perfectly fine and fit as a fiddle by meetin' time.

See you on the 18th!

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